



MONROE THIS WEEK

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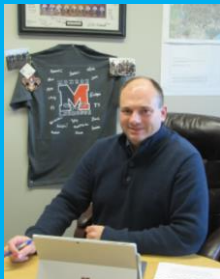


GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading my weekly newsletter. I am grateful to serve the Monroe community and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov. Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

Blueberry Lane and Kelsey Improvements

On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, City staff presented the Open House review of the four concepts for the Blueberry/N. Kelsey intersection improvements. There was a general consensus among the Council for a two-phase process.

The first phase would be prohibiting left turns during certain peak times during the day using a combination of signage and curbing.

The second phase would be to add a northbound left turn lane and allow a left turn with no restrictions. Staff will continue to research these options to present to Council for further follow-up sometime in February.

I thank our staff for their work they put into this, the residents who came out to provide input at the Open House, and those who provided comment through Facebook or email. If you have further comments, you can email them to councilmembers@monroewa.gov.

DMA Meeting

On Monday, January 23, 2017, the Downtown Monroe Association had a presentation from Kendee Yamaguchi, an Executive Director focused on economic development for Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. We listened to what the County is doing to promote economic development. We discussed successes, opportunities, and challenges in Monroe. We talked about how SR522 and US2 affect economic development and emphasized the need that SR522 be completed. I will be meeting with her to give her a tour of Monroe so that she can see the diverse economic sectors of our community.

EVENT HAPPENINGS

01/29	Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run, Sky River Park, 10AM-12PM
01/31	1 st Annual "Monroe Chili Bowl", East County Senior Center, 5-7:30PM
2/7	City Council Finance/ HR Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6PM City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

Appointment Openings

Salary Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Associate Planner

Building/Code Official

Community Development Director

Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

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Jeff Rasmussen

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City of Monroe

Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$4,064,056

'16 to 12/31/16: \$4,503,844

UP \$439,789 or 10.82%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'15 to 12/31/15: \$775,207

'16 to 12/31/16: \$947,562

UP \$172,355 or 22.23%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$70,274

'16 to 12/31/16: \$83,512

UP \$13,238 or 18.84%

Business License Fees

'15 to 12/31/15: \$48,886

'16 to 12/31/16: \$48,153

DOWN \$733 or -1.50%

Building Permit Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$311,092

'16 to 12/31/16: \$661,118

UP \$350,026 or 112.52%

Planning Fee Revenues

'15 to 12/31/15: \$61,665

'16 to 12/31/16: \$111,680

UP \$50,015 or 81.11%

New House Permits

'15 to 12/31/15: 60

'16 to 12/31/16: 140

UP 80 units or 133.33%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'15 to 12/31/15: 13

'16 to 12/31/16: 6

DOWN 7 units or -53.8%

Building Division Inspections

'15 to 12/31/15: 1,728

'16 to 12/31/16: 2,546

UP 818 or 47.3%

LTAC applications Available

The City of Monroe is accepting applications for a second round of 2017 grant funding. Any person or non-profit organization that will use the funds for the purpose of promoting tourism in the Monroe area with the goal of increasing the economic impact of tourism can apply for funding.

Grant applications are due to Pamela Baker, no later than Friday, February 24, 2017, by 4 p.m. The Lodging Tax Fund application is available on-line at www.monroewa.gov/ltac or can also be picked up at City Hall located at 806 W. Main St., Monroe. Awards for grant funding are expected to be distributed by the City Council in late March.

Get Involved

Join the City of Monroe team by volunteering your talent and time to support city programs, projects, and events. Volunteering is an opportunity to learn about Monroe's diverse community, understand how local government works, and connect with other community members. The City offers on-going and one-time event volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering or seeking additional information, please contact Pam Baker at 360-863-4524.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

February 7, 2017, Council Meeting Agenda Items include a discussion regarding the Snohomish Health District Potential Rucker Building Financial Interest, Snohomish Health District Inter-local Agreement, and a Critical Areas Amendments Ordinance. *Please note, there is no Council Meeting on January 30, 2017, as it is the fifth Tuesday of the month.

PROJECT HAPPENINGS

191st Ave SE Extension Open House

On Thursday, January 26, 2017, approximately 35-40 people attended the 191st Ave SE Extension Open House. Staff presented four concepts to residents which they were able to ask questions and provide comment on. Staff will compile comments to bring back to a City Council meeting for discussion. Thank you to all who participated and to staff for all their hard work. For more information, please click [here](#).

Event Happenings

Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run

Come out and show your support for this great cause! On Sunday, January 29, 2017, the 6th annual Jayme Biendl run will take place at Sky River Park. This event is sponsored by the Behind the Badge Foundation, Monroe Police Department, Department of Corrections, Monroe Correctional Complex, Monroe Rotary Club, Sam's Cats & Dogs Naturally, Big Dog Music, Quality Family Dentistry, Teamsters and many behind the

scenes, in Memory of Officer Jayme Biendl. If you are interested in participating, you may sign-up the day of the run.

First Annual Chili Bowl



The First annual Chili Bowl is a new event that will be held at the East County Senior Center. It benefits the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, East County Senior Center, and the Sky Valley Food Bank.

Join in the fun and show off your famous chili recipe! Register to be a part of this year's chili cook-off competition!

Chili cookers are to make one large crock pot of chili and should come to the event between 4 and 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2017, to set up. You and your team of chili cookers can choose a theme for your table, decorate, and dress accordingly. This is sure to be a great time by all!

Safety Happenings

Safety/Wellness Reminder:

Monroe Police Department reminds you that we are starting to enjoy longer daylight hours, mixed with a little sun. Motorists should be vigilant for an increase in bicyclists and pedestrians in the City. Be especially vigilant when approaching intersections, crosswalks and when backing out of driveways or parking stalls. Working together for a safer Monroe!